

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Keith Regier, on March 30, 2017 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Scott Sales (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 478, 3/27/2017; SR 54, 3/20/2017

00:00:03 Chair Regier  
00:00:30 Vice Chair Sands assumed the role of the chair.

**HEARING ON SR 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:08 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SR 54, Confirm Governor's appointee to 8th Judicial District Court.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:00:39 John Parker, Governor's appointee  
[EXHIBIT\(jus66a01\)](#)

00:01:52 Sen. Fielder entered the hearing.

00:02:58 Sen. Hinkle entered the hearing.

00:04:07 John Kutzman, self

00:07:06 Bill Fulbright, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:46 Sen. Fielder

00:18:02 Sen. Vincent entered the hearing.

00:23:32 Mr. Parker, appointee

00:24:05 Sen. Gross

00:24:47 Mr. Parker

00:27:32 Sen. Hinkle

00:30:18 Mr. Parker

00:31:58 Sen. MacDonald

00:32:25 Mr. Parker

00:34:13 Sen. Hinebauch

00:34:50 Mr. Parker

00:36:22 Sen. Hinkle

00:37:00 Mr. Parker

00:38:12 Chair Sands

00:38:41 Mr. Parker

00:42:01 Chair Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:45 Sen. Regier

00:43:06 Sen. Regier resumed the role of the chair.

**HEARING ON HB 478**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:51 Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 478, Prohibit use of tanning devices for person under 16 years old absent consent.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:50:02 Kristin Page Nei, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN)  
[EXHIBIT\(jus66a02\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:29 Sen. Gross  
01:01:49 Rep. Hill Smith  
01:02:05 Chair Regier  
01:02:09 Sen. Hinkle  
01:02:18 Sen. Swandal  
01:02:23 Chair Regier  
01:02:28 Rep. Hill Smith  
01:03:52 Sen. Hinkle  
01:04:10 Rep. Hill Smith  
01:04:29 Sen. Swandal  
01:06:15 Ms. Page Nei, ACSCAN  
01:06:29 Sen. Hinebauch  
01:08:21 Ms. Page Nei  
01:08:47 Sen. Hinkle  
01:09:30 Sen. Hinebauch  
01:09:45 Sen. Hinkle  
01:09:51 Sen. Boland  
01:12:58 Rep. Hill Smith  
01:13:15 Sen. Swandal  
01:13:27 Sen. Sands  
01:18:13 Rep. Hill Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:44 Rep. Hill Smith  
  
01:21:29 Chair Regier  
01:21:23 Sen. Sands  
01:21:50 Chair Regier

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:22 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

**Additional Documents**

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